

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Richard BINGHAM et al.)

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Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

L. Nelson
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For: A POLISHING MACHINE AND METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attention:

Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 135 as follows:

135. (Amended) A carrier medium storing instructions for controlling a processor to control a machine according to any one of claims 98 to 113 or 129 to 131.

REMARKS

The amendment is fully supported by the Specification and drawings, will not require an additional search, and does not raise new issues. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered and the requested changes made.

An amended version of claim 135 is attached for the Examiner's convenience pursuant to new rule 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(1)(ii).

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